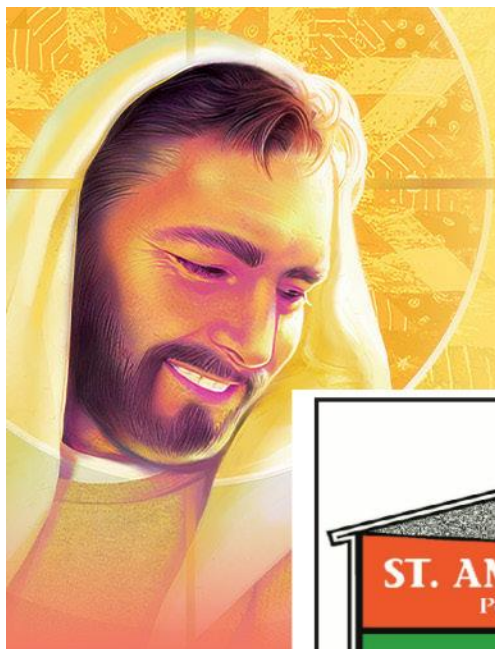
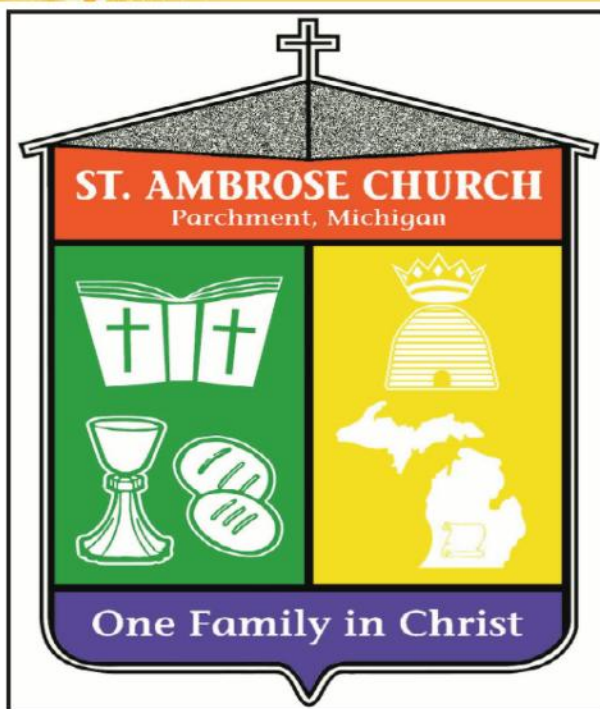




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Mission Statement

**Called by the Holy Spirit
to develop a family of faith in Christ,
the people of St. Ambrose Parish
embrace Christ's call to know, love, and serve
God
within our hearts, in our homes,
and in our world community.**

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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday.....9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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Music Director.....Musicdirector@stambrosepmi.com
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website at: stambroseparchment.com*

Welcome!



**Whether you are
here for a day, a week, a
season, or a lifetime, we
are glad you are here!**

May God Bless You!

**Very Rev. Albert Kemboi, V.F.
Pastor**

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**Monsignor Michael Hazard,
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Marilyn Thornburg, Administrative Assistant, Bookkeeper,
Safe Environment Coordinator
Beth McElhone, Director of Music Ministry
Eileen Rutten, OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)
Sarah Orr, Religious Education Coordinator
Paulette Turbide, Facilities Janitorial
Sofia Rice, Part-time Office Help

Schedule of Masses

Friday9:15 AM
Saturday Evening.....5:00 PM
(Live Streamed)
Sunday.....9:00 AM
(Live Streamed)11:15 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
Anytime: By Appointment, call **269-385-4152**.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office at **269-385-4152** for arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples are to make arrangements at least six months prior
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SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/ COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

*Please contact the parish office at **269.385.4152** if you
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*If you, or someone you know, is interested in being
brought **Holy Communion** please reach out to us at
269.385.4152.*

Know, Love and Serve Him OCTOBER 5, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Fri. 10/3

9:15 AM

† **Bert Renauld**

Req. by Bob Renauld

Sat. 10/4

5:00 p.m.

† **Ed Harkenrider**

Req. by Eileen and David Rutten

Sun. 10/5

9:00 a.m.

† **Maria Rhoda**

Req. by The Martin Family

† **Julius "Ceaser" Millers**

Req. by July Millers

11:15 a.m.

† **Tom Deem**

Req. by Nancy Engemann

† **Brad Marsh and † Adria Herman**

Req. by Dick and Judy Joslin

Fri 10/10

9:15 AM

† **Matt Carrier**

Req by Theresa Klein

Sat. 10/11

5:00 PM

† **Phyllis Bogren**

Req. by Ann Marie James

Sun. 10/12

9:00 a.m.

† **Ed Harkenrider**

Req. by David and Eileen Rutten

11:15 a.m.

Judy and Dick Joslin

61st Wedding Anniversary

Masses are available to request special intentions such as birthdays, anniversaries and remembrance of deceased loved ones. To accommodate more timely requests, we have increased the number of intentions per Mass. Please call the office to

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the Week of October 5, 2025

Sunday

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2

Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Monday

Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk

10:25-37

Tuesday

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY

OF THE ROSARY

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8;

Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk

11:1-4

Thursday

Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk

11:5-13

Friday

Jl 1:13-15; 2: 1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8

-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Lk

11:27-28

Sunday

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm

2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Dear St Ambrose Luncheon Team

Thank you so much for the lovely luncheon you organized after our mom's funeral on August 5. It was such a nice opportunity to gather with people who knew and loved her. Your time and efforts were much appreciated.

Sincerely, Christine, Mike and Gina DiBella



MASS

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Rosary and Benediction**

Every Friday at 9:15 AM in the Church.

**We invite you to start your weekend off by spending
some time with our Lord.**



St. Ambrose

Scripture Study

On Mondays

Parish Activity Center

Room 5 7:00 p.m.



CONFIRMATION 2025



Dear Beloved Parishioners

What a September! Lamentable, some grain producers have been on edge seeing their corn wither. At the same time, many of us have loved the great golf/beach/hiking/drying-your-laundry-outdoors weather.

The great St Ambrose Parish Family Picnic saw a blue sky form set-up to clean-up, with many of us eating our meals under the big tent and lingering outside to enjoy the games (or enjoy watching the kids enjoy them). Many others ate our meals in the parish hall and had the pleasure of visiting with our new and long-time friends —and returning to the dessert table again. Great thanks are due to the organizers and the setter-uppers, the cooks, the grillers and the servers-and the cleaner-uppers (!)—for tuning that beautiful day into a good time for all of use who took part. Thank you all!

* * *

Today's Gospel—with what seems a wicked ego-reducing cut-down: “We’re unprofitable servants; we’ve done [only] what we obliged to do” —should not lead us to imagine that God (who *is* the One who tells us what to do) is an insufferable taskmaster who gives no rest to his hardworking servants. The parable is not about God but about us, the servants. Or better-said: it’s about the relationship that God has established with us who belong to Jesus. Jesus trusted completely in the Father, enough to dedicate himself to doing the Father’s will in everything.

God want us all (each and every oner) to see our place in the world-changing mission of Jesus. He wants us to serve after the manner of Jesus himself: “When the time had come for him to be glorified by you, Father most holy, having love those who were his own in the world, he loved them to the end.” God wants us to serve beyond our abilities—something we cannot do.

What we need is a tiny grain of the faith that no longer needs an “Attaboy/girl” to motivate us. We need to trust God to care for us and to get us through what is beyond us. And we need to “own” the mission, to *want* to see its fulfillment so that God can rejoice in the teamwork that grows among us and enables us to serve.

Happy day —blessed life to you.
Msgr Mike and Fr Albert

STEWARDSHIP

When will I have given enough - of my income, my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only *total* stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say "We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty."

Parish Stewardship

Weekly Goal\$ 7,854.14

Weekly Actual

Sunday, September 28, 2025

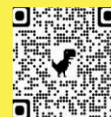
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CONVOCATION

*The Priests of the Diocese of Kalamazoo will
be away on retreat this coming week.
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Enclosed is my contribution for the Mary Garden paver at St. Ambrose Parish.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE AND AREA

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WITH MARRIED SAINTS: A

marriage enrichment retreat day presented by Craig and Amy Dyke, will be hosted at the Crowley Center at St Augustine Cathedral on November 1, 2025, cost is \$25 and includes lunch. You may register by emailing Socorro Truchan. Please contact Socorro Truchan struchan@diokzoo.org or call 269-348-8714 ext.1112 for more information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCES

COMING UP! Nurture your Sacrament of Marriage or Holy Orders at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience! Upcoming experiences are being held **Nov. 21-23** at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit. Apply today at wwwme.org or contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER FOR KAIROS DWELLING: The Lutheran Church of the Savior is hosting a Spaghetti supper on October 9 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. as a fundraiser for Kairos Dwelling (a Hospice facility). Kairos Dwelling provides housing, food, compassionate care and emotional support for terminally ill patients and their families. Kairos does not receive funding or reimbursement from government agencies, hospice organization, hospitals, or insurance companies. Food will be available on a take-out basis only. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and children under 10 are \$5.00. For questions please call 269-370-1317.

AUTUMN GALA - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

St. Mary Parish, Kalamazoo, will be hosting an Autumn Gala at Fr. Bart Hall, 939 Charlotte Avenue, Kalamazoo, on **Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 5-10 pm**. This night will feature dinner & drinks, raffles, live auctions, dancing, and a comedy set from Anne Fackler. The Autumn Gala is a semi-formal event for **ages 18+**. All proceeds will support the needs of St. Mary Parish. The cost for this event is \$55/person or \$400 for a table of 8. Go to their website to reserve your place.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - October 11, 2025. St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Portage will be showing the film "King of Kings" for their Family Movie Night on **Saturday, October 11, 2025**. Doors to the Stanley Centre Gym will open at 6pm, with the **movie starting at 6:30pm**. Bring your own chairs/blankets and enjoy beverages, popcorn, and other snacks available for purchase. **Reminder:** The Knights of Columbus Mac & Cheese Event will start at Marian Hall before the family movie night at 5pm. Tickets are available for purchase in the Narthex after weekend Masses on September 27th & 28th and October 4th & 5th. Tickets cost \$12/person with kids under 12 eating for free. All proceeds benefit local charities.

St. Ambrose Parish- Parchment, MI

Administrative Assistant & Bookkeeper - St. Ambrose Parish is seeking a motivated & positive individual to serve as the welcoming face of the parish to callers and visitors. This full-time, hourly position (35 hours a week) requires the ability to perform both secretarial and bookkeeping tasks in a cooperative and confidential manner. For more information go to the St Ambrose website (www.stambroseparchment.com), The Diocesan website (<https://www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org>) or apply on-line via Indeed.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, October 5

- 9:00 AM **MASS**—Church
- 10:00 AM **COFFEE & ROLLS**
- **RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES**
- 11:15 AM **MASS**— Church
- 12:15 PM **ARIMATHIAN MEETING**

Monday, October 6

- **NOON** **Bulletin Deadline for coming week**
- 7:00 PM **SCRIPTURE STUDY** -SAPAC Room 5

Tuesday, October 7

- 7:00 PM **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** -Hall

Wednesday, October 8

Thursday, October 9

- 6:00 PM **CHOIR PRACTICE**—Church

Friday, October 10

- 9:15 AM **MASS, BENEDICTION, ROSARY** -

Saturday, October 11

- 4:00 PM **RECONCILIATION**—Church
- 5:00 PM **MASS**— Church

WELCOME to Your Parish!

If you would like to enroll, change your address, or simply have questions about our parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Church Office: 1628 East G Avenue, Parchment, MI 49004

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

_____ I would like to enroll as an active member.

_____ Please change my address to the one shown above.

_____ I would like to learn more about parish activities.

_____ I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith.

_____ I would like to offer the name of a homebound or ill Catholic who is not currently being visited:

_____ I would like to speak with a priest about a vocation to the priesthood, or religious life.

_____ I would like information about the Diaconal Formation Program.

ST AMBROSE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Class Schedule:



October 5	Classes Meet
October 12	Classes Meet
October 19	Classes Meet
October 26	Classes Meet

ST. AMBROSE PARISH PICNIC

THANKS TO ALL WHO TOOK PART IN OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

The Parish Picnic Planning Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who helped set up tables, chairs, canopies, and the games area.

To the people who provided the wonderful tasty food, watched over the games, the bounce houses and beverage areas, we thank you.

For those who shared their talents of face painting, pony cart rides, golf, Nerf and corn hole competition it was much fun.

To those who stayed around and cleaned up the tables, chairs, dishes and the grounds: your help was most appreciated.



St Ambrose Youth Group

Open to

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 26

in Parish Activity Center

Pizza - Snacks - Cider provided

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ARIMATHEAN MINISTRY



The name Arimatheans comes from St. Joseph of Arimathea, who tended to our Lord after his death

Arimatheans are caring parishioners who attend Funerals and Memorial Masses as representatives of the faith community. Arimatheans do their part in offering comfort to a grieving family, greet guests, and answer any questions they might have.

Some people have already expressed interest in being part of this ministry and I would like to extend an invitation to all who might have some interest.
—Beth McElhone

****SPECIAL MEETING ON
OCTOBER 5, 2025
FOLLOWING THE 11:15 MASS IN
THE CHOIR AREA****

OCIA

How Do I Become Catholic?



If you are interested in discovering what the Catholic faith is like and possibly becoming Catholic,

or if you are Catholic and would like to be confirmed, we invite you to join us

**TODAY, October 5, after 9 a.m. Mass
in the Parish Activity Center Room 2,**

to learn more about the OCIA process. Do you know of someone who might be interested or do you have questions about the process? Please call the parish office (385-4152) or Eileen Rutten (323-2372) for more information.

LOVE GROWS WHERE PEOPLE SERVE

Fall is a great opportunity to **re-commit** to your favorite volunteer activity or ministry at St. Ambrose or to try something new. We know that our lives change, that what we could do last year we may not be do-able this year. Or we may want become more to our active in the parish. Now is the time to make those changes

If you have questions about an activity, contact the Rectory Office during the week to be put in touch with a current volunteer who will happy to fill you in. Clip boards with forms are available in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for serving.

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